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Chief's Office	OFFICE Miami, Florida	FILE NO. CO-2-34,030
TYPE OF CASE: Protective Research	STATUS: Investigation Cont'd.	TITLE OR CAPTION: Persons Identified: Names: Sylvia Odio, Father MacChann (McChann), "Leopoldo", Juan Martin
INVESTIGATION MADE AT: Miami, Florida	PERIOD COVERED: April 23-24, 1964	
INVESTIGATION MADE BY: Special Agent I. Aragon		

DETAILS

SYNOPSIS

Sylvia Odio has been identified as Sylvia Odio de Herrero, presently divorced, and currently believed to be residing in Dallas, Texas. Nothing has been developed leading to the true identity of Father MacChann (McChann); he is not known to be the Miami Catholic Diocese. Investigation is continuing leading to the identities of Juan Martin and "Leopoldo."

INTRODUCTION:

On April 23, 1964, a long distance telephone call was received from Inspector Thomas J. Kelley, Chief's Office, requesting inquiries and investigation into the identities and background information relating to Sylvia Odio, formerly married to Guillermo Herrero, who belonged to an anti-Castro group in Dallas and Miami, as well as one Father MacChann (McChann), assigned to the Catholic Diocese of Miami, and believed to have been active in the Catholic Cuban Relief Committee of Dallas, Texas. Inspector Kelley also requested background information on one "Leopoldo", a member of an anti-Castro group, as well as of one Juan Martin, believed to be in the State of Florida.

(B) GENERAL INQUIRIES:

Immediately upon receipt of Inspector Kelley's instructions, the reporting agent contacted all reliable sources of information (Cuban) available to this office and discreetly requested the complete identities and all background information on Sylvia Odio, Juan Martin and "Leopoldo."

In the interim, I personally interviewed Monsignor Fitzpatrick, Chancery Office, Catholic Diocese of Miami, 6301 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida, relative to Father MacChann or McChann.

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Monsignor Fitzpatrick advised they have no priest assigned to the Miami Diocese by the name of MacCham. He stated that he was unable to associate [illegible], under the given spelling, within the Diocese.

Monsignor Fitzpatrick said they have a Father Frank McCann, who is presently the pastor of St. Monica's Parish in Carol City, Florida, a suburb of Miami, and he disclosed all their information of record regarding Father Frank McCann.

Monsignor Fitzpatrick said Father Frank McCann was born in Ireland in 1916 and was ordained a priest in 1952. The Monsignor stated that Father McCann first went to Ambato, Ecuador, where he was in care of Bishop Bernardino Ruiz, Apartado (Box) No. 124, Ambato, Ecuador. Monsignor Fitzpatric stated that when Father McCann went to Ecuador Bishop Ruiz promised to "incardinate" him after three years if Father McCann could adopt to the place. According to the Monsignor, Father McCann left Ecuador because of the high altitude of the country, or for health reasons, and he came to Miami, Florida, where he entered in 1956, having come to Miami directly from Ecuador.

Monsignor Fitzpatrick stated that Father McCann was assigned to Epiphany Parish in Miami where he worked with Father O'Doud as assistant pastor from 1956 until May, 1959. He said that Father McCann was later assigned to St. Monica's Church in Carol City, Florida, where he is currently the pastor.

Monsignor Fitzpatrick said Father McCann did missionary work in South America and speaks Spanish well. He added he knows nothing derogatory regarding Father McCann. The Monsignor said that so far as he knows Father McCann has not been anywhere in the United States other than in Miami, Florida, and that Father McCann has not been, and is not now, engaged with the Catholic Cuban Relief Committee either in Dallas, Texas, or Miami, Florida.

With reference to Sylvia Odio, it has been determined, through 3-11-24, that the father and mother of Sylvia Odio are Amador Odio Padron and Sara del Toro, former owners of a transportation company known as Trafico and Transporte in Havana, Cuba.

Before the Castro takeover of Cuba, Amador Odio and Sara del Toro were "Fidelistas" and they smuggled arms for Fidel Castro when he was in the mountains. When they learned of Castro's communist affiliations, they started working with Aureliano Sanchez Arango in the underground against Castro. Amador Odio also owned a farm near Havana where Castro discovered a cache of arms to be used against him.

Amador Odio Padron, Sylvia Odio's father, was known in the underground by the name of "Cesar," the name having been taken from the oldest of his 10 sons. Amador Odio is considered a brilliant man and a strong anti-communist. Sara del Toro, his wife, was a strong worker against Castro. Both are now in prison in Cuba.

According to 3-11-24, Sylvia Odio, who is believed to be about 37-38 years of age, divorced her husband, Guillermo Herrero (Herrera), and abandoned him and their three children in Puerto Rico. The three children are said to be in Puerto Rico with the parents of her former husband. The family of her former husband operate a business in Puerto Rico, type of business and exact location unknown, but believed to be in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Before Sylvia Odio left Havana, Cuba, on or about March, 1961, she took refuge in the Venezuelan Embassy in Havana, where she was in contact with Alfonso de Zurbaran, Charge d'Affaires. Alfonso de Zurbaran is now Venezuelan Ambassador to Bolivia.

According to 3-11-24, Sylvia Odio has had a nervous breakdown due to her parents being in prison, and is now believed to have a mental disorder. She is now believed to be residing in Dallas, Texas.

Sylvia Odio has brothers and sisters named as follows: Cesar, Sara, Annie, Mary Lou, Amador, Javier, Freddy, Jorge, and Cristina Elena.

According to 3-11-24, the police of Puerto Rico have been making inquiries about Sylvia Odio, but the reasons for the inquiries are unknown.

Before Sylvia Odio and her husband left Cuba, they resided at Edificio Focsa, Apartment 220, Calle 17, Esquina N. Vedado, Havana, Cuba.

The files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Miami, Florida, failed to disclose any record of Sylvia Odio either under the name of Sylvia Odio de Herrero or Sylvia Odio y del Toro.

(J) CONCLUSION:

On April 24, 1964, Inspector Kelley was apprised of the above information through long distance telephone call.

Further investigation is being made leading to the identities and background information on Juan Martin and "Leopoldo."